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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(c) but before payment of the issue fee. Under the provisions of Section 1.97(d), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a statement as specified in Section 1.97(e) and a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

The foreign patent documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese application no. 2005-500258. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents and English language abstracts thereof are attached. A copy of the communication is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants respectfully request that the

Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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